

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the following claims with the clean claims presented here as follows.
Marked-up claims showing the changes made appear after the REMARKS section.

Claim 1:

1 ~~Sub B1~~ 1. A method for executing methods upon data objects distributed across
2 a plurality of nodes of a system from a special device comprising the steps of:
3 providing a first graphical interface display on said ^{system} device permitting
4 user selection of a data object category, selection of such category resulting
5 in display of a list of data objects available on the system;
6 responding to selection of a first of the data objects present in said list
7 to generate a second graphical interface display on said device of at least a
8 portion of the contents of said first of the data objects together with a display
9 of a plurality of selectable regions, each of said regions representing a
10 respective method executable on said first data object; and
11 responding to selection of one of said methods to execute that method
12 upon the first data object and to display a first result of such execution on said
13 device.

Claim 5:

1 ~~Sub C3~~ 5. The method of Claim 1 wherein one of said methods comprises an update of
2 a record.

Claim 6:

1 6. The method of Claim 1 wherein one of said methods comprises a summation
2 of records.

Claim 7:

- 1 7. The method of Claim 1 wherein one of said methods comprises selection of a
2 record having a particular attribute.

Claim 25:

- 3 25. An apparatus for executing methods upon data objects distributed across a
4 plurality of nodes of a system comprising:
5 a special device having a display associated therewith;
6 means providing a first graphical user interface on said display, said
7 interface permitting user selection of a data object category, selection of such
8 category resulting in display of a list of data objects available on the system;
9 means for responding to selection of a first of the data objects present
10 in said list to generate a second graphical user interface on said device of at
11 least a portion of the contents of said first of the data objects together with a
12 display of a plurality of selectable regions, each of said regions representing a
13 respective method executable on said first data object; and
14 means for responding to selection of one of said methods to execute
that method upon the first data object and to display a first result of such
execution on said device.